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WAR IN THE TIPPING NUISANCE.

If the commercial travelers of this country really do go after the tipping system with all the power they possess, they can nearly, if not entirely, destroy it. Their national president avows his determination to rally the organization to an assault upon this graft, which, he says, costs up to \$50,000,000 a year in the United States. If those figures even approximate the facts, tipping is more than a nuisance to individuals, it is an enormous tax upon business that should not be tolerated. It has made parasites not only of a horde of servants, but of certain lines of business, which, through underpaid employees, prey upon other businesses. Tipping might find some plausibility if it amounted only to gratuities to a faithful servant seeking to please, but everybody knows that it goes far beyond this, says the Omaha Bee. The tip is more often given, not for extra service, but to get any kind of service at all. It is not surprising that commercial travelers think of organizing a united attack upon tipping. The surprise is that they have not done so long ago. They practically live on the road, in hotels and trains a good part of the year. That sort of life is hard at best. To make the most of it they pay tips that they may obtain a living existence, so to speak. The commercial travelers can destroy the tip if they will. They can get no-tip hotels when they untied demand them and they can get, at least, some improvement in conditions even from the sleeping car company. If they succeed they will have the thanks of everyone who ever travels away from home.

Theoretically, says a jeweler, the best watches of today are perfect, but actually they both gain and lose time every day. Even if the good watch does not vary one second at the end of the 24 hours, the expert insists, it has both gained and lost in that time. It is in the morning, it runs fast, and toward the next morning runs slow, thus equalizing the time. He says the best watches should be wound twice a day and then at only two-thirds of the capacity of the mainspring, thus preventing either binding or extremes of strong or weakened spring. The balance wheel was expected to equalize differences of mainspring tension, but really this is not the case to what is called perfection.

The utility of the all steel train as a life-saver was demonstrated in New Jersey last week when such a train taking a crossover switch at 50 miles an hour was completely derailed and overturned. Here would have been a horror involving the crushing and burning to death of imprisoned passengers had the coaches been of wood. But the steel coaches did not collapse and did not burn, and the only casualties were the deaths of the engineer and fireman. The passengers were not even injured.

It seems that Sappho has been misunderstood all this time. Instead of being a pale poetess of purple passion, she was merely a calm and classical schoolteacher. We will learn next that Cleopatra was only a circus snake-charmer with the P. T. Barnum of the times.

Now that an English inventor says that he has been successful in inventing an apparatus for telephoning through water without wires, perhaps telephoning across the Atlantic may soon be an accomplished fact. There's certainly enough water there.

In 1915 the centennial observance of peace in the English speaking world will be observed, and it is proposed that every person in the countries interested should be quiet five minutes. The kind of a celebration would not be appreciated by the children.

The turkeys still living have formed a survivors' association, and they propose to adopt some plan that promises to keep their heads on their necks.

One astronomer says the earth will cease its revolutions in 5321. Another gives it ten million years. If it doesn't stop until astronomers agree it is destined to go on forever.

A college professor charges that college influences tend to make women prefer to be old maids. At which assertion one little Dan Cupid, who has more than all the wisdom of the colleges combined, laughs immoderately in his wing.

There is a new street car device intended to enable the conductor to call off the names of the streets without opening the door. But what's the use? It will sound the same anyway.

Mr. Edison may make some kinds of furniture out of concrete with tremendous success, but we defy him to produce a mattress that will be worth while.

Hunting costs about 100 lives a year in this country and Canada. Football is far safer.

WEBSTER TO KNOW FATE JANUARY 22

PHYSICIAN WHO CONFESSES TO
MURDER OF GIRL WIFE EX-
PECTS LIFE SENTENCE.

INSANITY TO BE PLEADED

After Changing Plea Prisoner Tells
Sheriff He Felt Relieved—Prosecution Was Ready to Proceed With the Trial.

Oregon, Ill.—In a last desperate effort to save himself from the gallows, Dr. Harry Elgin Webster pleaded guilty before Judge Farrand in the district court to the murder of his bigamous wife, Bessie Kent Webster, and threw himself on the mercy of the court. Judge Farrand announced that sentence will probably be imposed January 22.

Webster's attorneys will make a plea of temporary insanity to the court before sentence is passed. In the hope of securing a sentence of life imprisonment, Webster did not consent to the entering of a plea of guilty until a few minutes before he went into court.

Believes He'll Escape Death.
After making his plea of guilty, Webster declared to Sheriff Delaney that he felt better than he has for months, and believes he will escape the death penalty.

In spite of the extreme cold—20 below zero—the court room was packed with hundreds of persons who had known Webster when he lived in this county and who knew his girl wife.

Because of the frequent disagreements between the prisoner and his attorneys, State's Attorney Emerson was prepared to go on with the trial of the case when court opened. All the state's witnesses were on hand, and the special venire of jurors summoned a week ago were present.

Plea is Changed.
When the clerk called the case, Attorney Erwin announced that he desired to withdraw the plea of not guilty and substitute one of guilty.

Webster was then asked by the clerk to plead again to the indictment; it was read to him and he answered with the single word, "Guilty."

Bessie Kent Webster was the bigamous wife of Webster. He married her seven days after he had wedded Zoe Varney Webster of Cedar Rapids, Ia., his legitimate wife, secured a divorce soon after Webster was arrested for the murder of the second Mrs. Webster.

Vancouver Socialist Defeated.
Vancouver, B. C.—Mayor J. L. Taylor, who declared himself a Socialist, was defeated for reelection here by James Findlay, who had a majority of 1,000 votes. Taylor, who is a native of the United States, made a strong bid for the vote of the workmen who swept him into office two years ago.

Tar Party Member's Wife Suffers.
Lincoln Center, Kas., Jan. 13.—At long last she and her three children were destitute. Mrs. Watson Scranton of Shady Bend, wife of one of the men who is in jail for his part in the recent tar party, has made application for her husband's parole.

Maine Gets Scotch Potatoes.
Portland, Me.—A cargo of Scotch potatoes is being unloaded here. This is said to be the first time in history that Maine, one of the chief potato raising states in the Union, has been compelled to resort to importation of potatoes.

Ambassador Bacon Quits.
Washington.—President Taft received a personal letter from Robert Bacon, ambassador to France, in which the ambassador confirmed his resignation to accept a fellowship of Harvard university.

One-Cent Postage Bill Offered.
Washington, D. C.—Representative La Follette of Washington has introduced a bill providing for postage of 1 cent per ounce or fraction thereof on first-class mail matter.

Hangs Self to Escape Jury Duty.
Barrington, Ill.—Because he did not want to serve on the jury and told there was no escape, Daniel Brown hanged himself here at his home, after being summoned for service.

Jewish University in Jerusalem.
London.—There is a prospect of the establishment of a Jewish university at Jerusalem. A wealthy Indian Jew has bequeathed \$400,000 to found a college at that city.

Hostilities to Be Renewed.
Shanghai.—A renewal of hostilities, according to republican authorities, has been fixed for January 15, when the march on Peking will begin, unless the abdication of the emperor is announced.

To Confess Jury Bribery.
Los Angeles, Cal.—The Examiner here says: "Bert H. Franklin, a detective arrested on a charge of bribery in the murder trial of James B. McNamara, has agreed to enter a plea of guilty."

Town Takes Car of Coal.
Roswell, N. M.—Facing an inevitable coal famine in zero weather, business men of Roswell, here, held up a Santa Fe freight train two hours and cut out a car of coal. The conductor was helpless.

Babies Drink Poison.
Huntley, Mo.—The 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Throck found a bottle of arsenic in a trunk while his mother was away from home. He gave his baby brother, one year old, a drink and took a drink himself.

HOW TEN PACKERS FIGURE TEST PRICE

VOYER DECLARES HIS FIGURING
DEGAN WITH \$2.75 A HEAD
CHARGE FOR KILLING.

HE REMEMBERS NO DATES

Testifies He Probably Collected Witnesses, Fees if Any Were Allowed in U. S. Court—Was Summoned Several Times.

Chicago.—Henry Moyer, expert accountant in charge of figuring the test cost of slaughtered animals for Armour & Co., took the witness stand again as the sixth witness for the government in the trial of the ten Chicago packers before Judge Carpenter.

"Can you tell us when the practice of making a credit allowance for sides was abandoned by the packers in figuring the test cost of cattle?" asked District Attorney Wilkerson. "I can not remember the date," replied Moyer.

No Records Available.

"Yesterday I asked you to look at your records in an effort to refresh your memory on the question of sides."

Moyer produced a bundle of printed forms which he said were used in figuring the test cost of cattle in Armour & Co.'s offices. He said there had been no change in the style of printed forms used in six or seven years. Moyer took several of the printed forms and explained in detail the method employed in figuring the test cost, giving all the items entered against the carcass, beginning with a killing charge of \$2.75 a head.

He then enumerated the credit allowances deducted for by-products. He said different credits for by-products were figured in the "memorandum" or "red" cost, and the "last" or "test" cost.

Cost of Killing Varies.

Methods employed by the packers in computing the uniform test cost of slaughtered animals were revealed by Moyer.

He declared that, after the injunction, issued by Judge Grosscup in 1902, the instructions given him by his superiors regarding the items used in figuring the test cost were communicated to him verbally, and that the sheets containing the data were always destroyed after six months.

The cost of killing, he said, had increased from \$1 a head to \$2.75 a head in 22 years. During the great railroad strike in 1894 the killing cost, he said, went to \$3.50 a head.

Plan Release for Shaw.
Philadelphia.—It was learned here that Francis Rowie, representing Evelyn Nesbit Shaw, contemplates presenting before the common pleas court of Allegheny county a petition asking the appointment of a commission in lunacy to decide the present mental and legal status of Harry K. Shaw.

Shuster Takes Leave.
Tehran.—Escorted by a troop of Russian Cossacks, W. Morgan Shuster, ex-American treasurer general of Persia, accompanied by his wife and family, left here for home. Mr. Shuster will return to the United States by way of Constantinople, Paris and London.

Call Wage Conference.
Indianapolis.—The official call for a joint wage conference of coal miners and operators from throughout the coal producing regions of the United States was issued here. The conference will convene here January 25.

Calf Is Sold for \$6,000.
North Easton, Mass.—W. H. Pitcher of Oconomowoc, Wis., bought a calf born four weeks ago to Dolly Dimple, the most valuable cow in the world, which is the property of F. Lothrop Ames. The calf brought \$6,000.

26 Morcos Are Killed.
Manila.—American troops Thursday killed 26 Morcos who attempted to ambush them on the island of Jolo. Lieut. McGee of the Second cavalry was wounded twice and a private soldier was wounded.

Soldiers to Persia.
Calcutta, British India.—Orders were issued to the brigade of infantry stationed at Ahmadnagar to hold itself in readiness to proceed immediately to Persia.

Locomotive Works in Indiana.
Hammond, Ind.—A site near Hammond has been selected for the proposed western plant of the Baldwin Locomotive works, according to a letter received from Vice-President Vandplake of the company.

U. S. Not to Appoint Shuster.
Washington.—"Absurd and ridiculous," said department officials on reading a Tehran dispatch to St. Petersburg, reporting W. Morgan Shuster probably would be appointed American minister to Persia.

Stuart Succeeds Wilson.
Princeton, N. J.—Dr. John Grier Hibben Stuart, professor of logic, has been elected president of Princeton university by the board of trustees. He succeeds Woodrow Wilson, who resigned in the fall of 1909.

New Mexico to Have Dry Inaugural.
Santa Fe, N. M.—The committee in charge of the arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies Monday, January 15, announced that a long-standing precedent would be broken and no intoxicants would be served.

SPURNED MARRIED MAN SHOTS GIRL

TEACHER'S REJECTION OF HUSBAND OF FRIEND COSTS HER LIFE AND CAUSES SUICIDE.

CHILDREN SEE STRUGGLE

Woman Fought Desperately to Escape—Letters Found on Murderer Explain Cause for Crime—Had Planned to Elope.

Warrensburg, Ill.—Rejection of the love of a friend's husband cost Miss Edith Smith, a school teacher in a country district near here, her life, and caused the suicide with a revolver of Sylvester Adams, the husband, all in the sight of pupils of Miss Smith's school.

In Adams' pocket was found a letter from Miss Smith, in which she said, in substance, she did not wish to go any place with a married man, especially the husband of a dear friend.

Another note, ready for mailing and addressed to the teacher, conveyed a threat against her if she failed to join him.

Pupils, who summoned neighbors, said Adams appeared and demanded that the teacher go with him. This was refused and a quarrel followed. The children watched through windows and saw the struggle, the murder and the suicide. Adams had locked the outer door from the inside.

Sought to Shun Man.

Adams was manager for the United States Express company and resided with his wife and family in Oak Park. The notes in Adams' clothing read:

"Dear Mr. Adams: I wish you to cease your attentions and visits to me. I do not wish to have anything more to do with you or any other married man. I always regarded you as a gentleman and I hope that you regard me as a lady. Edith Smith."

The second note was addressed to Miss Smith, but had not been sent to her. It read:

"You'd better meet me, or something will happen to you. Sylvester Adams."

Adams arrived in West Chicago early in the afternoon and went to the Matthews school, about three miles outside the city. School was going on, and Adams sat down near Miss Smith and waited until the class was dismissed.

Pupils Hear Shots.

When the children had gone a short distance they heard two shots. The authorities found the door locked. On breaking it the two bodies lying six feet apart were discovered.

Miss Smith was lying in the vestibule, a bullet wound through the temple. Adams' body was just inside the room, with the revolver still clutched in his hand. The confusion of the room indicated a struggle. Ink was spilled over Miss Smith's desk, chairs were overturned and books and ribbons belonging to Miss Smith were scattered over the floor.

Besides the letters Adams had in his pocket a check for \$500 on the Bank of Oak Park. It is believed that he had intended to run away with the girl and use the money to pay their expenses.

China Notifies Powers.

Nanking.—The foreign powers were officially notified by Foreign Minister Wang Chung Wie that the organization of the provisional government is now completed. There is reason to believe that Premier Yuan Shi Kai has acceded to the holding of the national convention for the settlement of the future form of government in China at Shanghai.

Troops Ready for China.

Manila.—Orders for the first battalion of the Fifteenth infantry regiment to leave for China have reached here and the expedition was prepared immediately. Maj. James M. Arrasmith will be in command.

Snow Breaks Down Courthouse.

Danville, Ind.—Snow, which had accumulated on the roof of the courthouse, caused it to collapse and caused damage estimated at \$25,000. The building was constructed in 1860.

James Is Named Senator.

Frankfort, Ky.—On the ballot for a successor to Senator Thomas H. Payne, whose term expires in March, 1913, Ollie M. James received 105 votes in the Kentucky legislature.

Gas Heater Kills Three.

Orange, N. J.—Deadly fumes escaping from defective piping of a small gas heater killed Cecil Simpson, an invalid, his wife and son, Benjamin.

Jealous Man Kills Three.

Milligan, Neb.—Peter Brock, a rich farmer near here, murdered his wife and 4-year-old stepdaughter, and then took his own life by slashing his throat with a razor. Three other children were at school.

5 Battle With Robbers.

Haverhill, Mass.—Five officers and two desperadoes engaged in a gun battle through the streets of Georgetown. One of the men was caught and is now in the Haverhill police station on a charge of burglary.

Leaves Sick Wife, Is Killed.

Springfield, Ill.—Ten minutes after he had left his home against the wishes of his sick wife Michael Bartley, an employee of the Wabash railroad for the last thirty years, was killed by a freight engine.

Series of Fire Panics.

Chicago.—Fire destroyed the factory of the Creamery Package Manufacturing company, on West Kinzie street. The guests in three nearby hotels were thrown into a panic and fled into the streets in their high clothes.

WEBSTER'S PLEA OF GUILTY IS DUE

INTERNE, WHO ONCE CONFESSED
KILLING WIFE, TO SEEK
COURT'S MERCY.

NO AGREEMENT ENTERED

Friends of Prisoner Hope for a Life Sentence Because He Throws Himself on Mercy of Court—Denies Mize Affair.

Oregon, Ill.—Dr. Harry Elgin Webster of Chicago, to be tried for the murder of his wife, Bessie Kent Webster, will plead guilty before Judge R. S. Farrand in the Ogle county circuit court.

This announcement was made by counsel for Webster. It followed a conference several days ago with State's Attorney W. J. Emerson of Ogle county, in which the evidence was carefully gone over by both the prosecution and the defense.

No agreement has been entered into less than the death penalty shall be imposed, but friends of Webster believe that the sentence will be life imprisonment. His counsel, John F. win of Dixon and Callahan & Callahan of Chicago, are preparing to present a plea in mitigation when their client pleads and throws himself on the mercy of the court.

Was Arrested Twice.

The chain of circumstances against Webster was not discovered for several days after the body of his wife had been found in the Scherr woods, between Dixon and Oregon, October 1, with a knife wound across her throat, almost severing the head from the body.

Suspicion pointed to Webster and he was arrested, but was released soon afterward.

The same day the body was identified and Webster was rearrested. Then followed the discovery that Webster had married Bessie Kent after he had left another bride, Mrs. Zoe Varney Webster, in her Iowa home.

To the police he gave what was called a confession and later denied he was guilty.

May Tell Full Story.

It is expected that the plea of guilty will be accompanied by a confession from Webster's lips of the manner in which the crime was committed and the causes which led to the murder.

Dr. Webster declared the story which connected his name with the murder of Mrs. F. E. Mize, in 1905, was absurd, according to Chicago detectives.

Webster admitted having roomed at the home of Mrs. Letitia Moulton, who told her suspicion that Webster might have been implicated in the Mize shooting, but insisted that he had no knowledge of or part in the Mize murder.

Fire Destroys N. Y. Equitable.

New York.—Six men are known to be dead and property variously estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$20,000,000 has been destroyed in a fire which in three hours destroyed the mammoth building of the Equitable Life Assurance society, commonly known as 120 Broadway, but occupying nearly all of a block bounded by Broadway, Pine, Cedar and Nassau streets.

Richeson Sentenced to Die.

Boston.—Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson was sentenced to death on his plea of guilty of the murder of Avis Linnell, his former sweetheart. The execution was set for the week of May 19. It is understood a petition may be made to Governor Foss and the executive council of the state to commute the death sentence to imprisonment for life.

Troops to China.

Washington.—Five hundred American troops have been ordered to China. Wang Tao from Manila. The battalion will be transported on board the transport Thomas, now at Manila, and will be used to guard the American concession of the railway between Peking and the coast.

5 and 10-Cent Cigar Stores.

New York.—A \$2,000,000 corporation which plans to establish a chain of 5 and 10-cent stores throughout New York city is the latest outgrowth of the tobacco trust dissolution proceedings.

Labor Opposes Teaching Trades.

Meriden, Conn.—Organized labor in this city will oppose the teaching of trades in the new \$450,000 high school here. The labor men are not opposed to manual training, but are against trades instruction.

Trains Hit Near St. Joseph, Mo.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Fifteen persons were injured, none of them fatally, when Rock Island passenger train No. 72, en route from St. Joseph, was run into from behind by a freight train on a hill ten miles east of the city.

\$375,000 Bank Robbery.

New York.—John McNamara of San Francisco, known as "Australian Jack," was arrested here on a warrant charging him with larceny of \$375,000 from the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C.

Ice Imprisons 6 on Boat.

Burlington, N. J.—One woman and three men passengers on the ferry boat William E. Doran are imprisoned by the ice on the Delaware river between this place and Bristol, Pa., together with the crew of two.

Eight Killed, Fourteen Hurt.

Paris.—Eight men were burned to death and 14 others were so badly injured that they may die when a huge sun mold burst at the naval arsenal near Angoulême. The gases from molten metal caused an explosion.

R. T. CRANE, Foe OF COLLEGES, IS DEAD

CHICAGO PHILANTHROPIST EX-
PIRES ON DAY OF LATEST
ATTACK.

HEART FAILURE IS CAUSE

In Statement Few Hours Before His Death Declares Universities Should Be Barred—Founded Technical School.

Chicago.—Richard T. Crane, "The Ironmaster," died suddenly at his residence from heart collapse due to a cold. His wife and the family physician, Dr. E. J. Doering, were with him when he died. They entered his bed chamber to tell him that all preparations had been made for him to leave Chicago for Pasadena, Cal., where he had intended to pass the rest of the winter. As they approached they observed the bed clothing stir spasmodically and Mr. Crane rose towards a sitting position and fell back on his pillow. This was death.

His demise occurred within a few hours of the issue of his last attack on schools—an attack called forth by repudiation of his theories by college professors and presidents. In it he renewed his assertion that college graduates were ill equipped for earning a living, and that the majority of them could not command the salary of a skilled mechanic. Culture and not livelihood or the means of earning it, was the only purpose he could discover for the existence of colleges.

Latest Attack Day of Death.

He conducted an investigation of the success attending efforts of university graduates to secure remunerative positions. He published the results the day he died and classified the replies he received from graduates in a manner to support his contention. His figures indicated that out of the schools devoting attention to civil engineering, mechanical or electrical engineering and agriculture, only a small part of the men members of the graduating classes obtained positions which he considered were compatible with the ability they should have had if the schools were meritorious.

This verbal warfare against higher education has been conducted for several years, most of the time in a pamphlet he issued. Later he issued a book in which his views were contained.

Founded Technical School.

Mr. Crane's philanthropy was devoted chiefly to his efforts to have school boards supplant high schools with manual training schools. "To give the student a knowledge of how to use his head and hands in conjunction with each other, and to give him a means of doing that thing for which all education is intended—earn a living for himself and for the family he will, or should have."

To point the way he founded Crane Technical Institute, a school designed to carry out his idea, and supported it generously.

Taft to Name Judge Hook.

Washington.—President Taft told several callers at the White House who came to urge consideration of the various candidates for the supreme bench vacancy that he had decided to nominate Judge William Hook, now of the Eighth circuit court, to succeed the late Justice Harlan.

Suspends Rates on Soft Coal.

Washington, D. C.—Increased freight rates on soft coal, which Western trunk lines purpose to put into effect January 13, were suspended until May 13 by the interstate commerce commission, so that investigation of the reasonableness of the new rates may be conducted.

Mrs. Roosevelt Recovering.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Dr. G. W. Fuller, the Roosevelt family physician, admitted that Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, wife of the former president, had been seriously ill, but declared that she is better and that her complete recovery is expected.

Three Men Die in Snow Slide.

Logan, Utah.—A mass of snow and ice slid down a hillside in Blacksmyth canyon, 5 miles from here, and covered four men taking out logs for a sawmill. One of the four managed to dig out of the slide.

English Warship Damaged.

Portsmouth, Eng.—The battleship Revenge broke from her moorings and, owing to the exceptionally high tide, drifted on to the bows of the super-dreadnought Orion. A hole was stove in the Revenge.

Thirty Die in Race War.

Port Lima, Costa Rica.—Thirty persons have been killed in a race war at the Abangares gold mines of which Henry Keith of New York is manager. Fifty others have been wounded, and the state here is in a state of anarchy.

Eleven Is Wreck Death Toll.

Paris.—Four more deaths have occurred as a result of the railroad wreck near Bondy, bringing the total death list up to eleven. Twenty-one others were injured, some of them mortally.

1,000 Women Tailors Meet.

Chicago.—More than a thousand women's tailors from all parts of the United States are gathered here at the first annual National Style congress and convention of the Chicago Women's Tailor association.

Sixty Escape in Hotel Fire.

Excelsior Springs, Ark.—With the thermometer below zero, the Snapp hotel burned. The 60 guests escaped with only one woman being injured. She was unable to hold with number 10 and a rope and fell.

Congressional Notes

Representative Bartholdt's bill appropriating \$50,000 for the entertainment of the delegates to the convention of the Interparliamentary Union in Washington next fall, was unanimously reported to the house by the judiciary committee.

Representative Hensley of Missouri, from the committee on labor, reported the bill of Representative Boher of Missouri, making interstate shipments of convict-made goods subject to state laws.

President and Mrs. Taft gave the first big reception of the winter at the White House in honor of the diplomatic corps. This reception, with that to the army and navy, are the most brilliant in color, at least, of any during the season, and practically every diplomat and legation attaché in Washington attended.

The changes in committee assignments made necessary by the death of Senator Frye were made by the senate. Senator Nelson was made chairman of the committee on commerce, Senator Smoot of the committee on public lands, Senator Richardson of the committee on printing, Senator Lodge of the committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico, and Senator Lorimer of the committee on mines and mining. Senator Crane was assigned to the vacancy on the committee on commerce and Senator Dillingham to the vacancy on foreign relations.

The discharge of 1,100 clerks from the census office because of the lack of funds has so crippled the thirteenth decennial census work, according to a report from Director Durand to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, that it will be impossible to complete a number of important subjects by June 30, the date set by law for the publication of all the results.

An investigation held by the Ways and Means committee on Indian land timber contracts and other large companies in the West, is under consideration by the house committee on Indian affairs.

Chairman McCumber, of the senate committee on pensions, has a bill of his own, embodying both age and service features which he will urge as a substitute. His estimate of the annual cost under his bill is approximately \$17,000,000, while the Sherwood bill is estimated at about \$75,000,000.

Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester, and president of the National Conservation association, issued a statement urging the defeat in congress of a bill introduced by Representative Eaker of California, granting a water pipe line right of way through Monna national forest to the Hydro-Electric company of California.

Representative Dyer of St. Louis has introduced a bill amending the immigration and naturalization laws to provide that any alien 21 years of age and upward who has served in the United States army navy or marine corps during the civil war, the Spanish war or the Philippine insurrection, and who has received an honorable discharge after one enlistment, may be naturalized in any court of competent jurisdiction upon the exhibition by two competent witnesses.